(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. जे. कुरियन): (क) जी, नहीं। लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत आने वाले कुटीर तथा कृषि उद्योगों के लिए सरकार से लाइसेंस लेने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत आने वाले इन उद्योगों का पंजीकर कराना भी अनिवार्य नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

2406. [*Transferred to the 17th March, 1992*].

Salt produced in Gujarat

2407. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that 60 per cent of the country's salt is produced by Gujarat;

(b) whether any memorandum from Salt Industry has recently been received for upgrading the post of Deputy Salt Commissioner at Ahmedabad; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has not been found necessary to upgrade the post of Deputy Salt Commissioner at Ahmedabad.

Month-wise indicates of industrial production

2408. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the monthwise indices of industrial production during April-December, 1991;

(b) how these compare with indices during the same period of 1990;

(c) the causes for recessionary trends; and

(d) the steps taken to boost effective demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) There are various factors like import restrictions, especially for capital goods, raw-materials and components owing to foreign exchange constraints, credit squeeze, a slump in demand etc.

(d) A number of measures announced in the Union Budget for 1992-93 such as partial convertibility of the rupee, reduction of duties in capital goods and elimination of import licensing except in the case of a small negative list, reducton in statutory liquidity ratio, reduction in interest rate etc., are designed to boost effective demand.

Statement

Index of Industrial Production

(*Base*: 1980-81=100)

Month	1990-91	1991-92	%Change
April	197·2	195·4	—0·9
May	201.6	159.7	—2.9